

## WHO WE ARE

TAO-Pilipinas, Inc. is a women-led, non-stock, non-profit NGO that assists urban and rural poor communities in the physical planning, development, and management of their communities. It was started in 2001 by a multidisciplinary group of individuals who wanted to have a socially-responsive professional practice.

## VISION

TAO-Pilipinas envisions the development of sustainable human settlements that is inclusive, people-centered, environment-friendly, and promotes equitable distribution of and access to resources.

## MISSION

- TAO-Pilipinas commits to the fulfillment of the ff:
- Promotion of participatory human settlements, planning, design, development and management;
  - Enhancement of technical knowledge and skills among stakeholders in sustainable human settlements development esp. the urban poor;
  - Planning, design and development of sustainable communities.

## GOALS

TAO-Pilipinas aims to help bring about improved living and housing situation and increased disaster and climate resilience of the poor and vulnerable, consistent with the Rights of Nature framework.

## OBJECTIVES

TAO-Pilipinas targets to achieve the development of sustainable human settlements by extending support in the form of direct technical assistance, capability-building, research, and networking.

- Strengthened community capability to participate and negotiate in processes to acquire security of tenure and establish safe and sustainable settlements
- Improved access to gender-responsive technical assistance and financial resources for poor and vulnerable communities
- Increased community access to knowledge and information leading to low carbon community-managed development
- Increased awareness on heritage conservation through research and education

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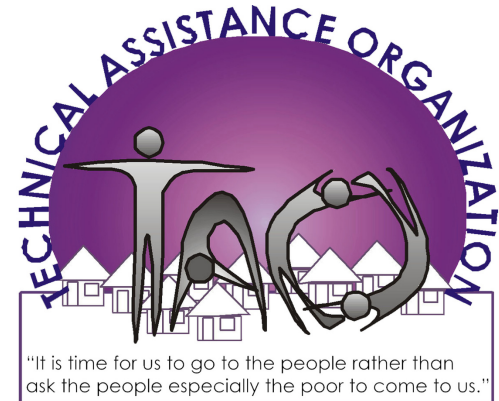
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# Services and Project Areas



## People's planning & shelter assistance

TAO-Pilipinas takes the participatory approach to community development planning. We facilitate the formulation of People's Plans to help communities negotiate for security of tenure, access financing for social housing, and address shelter needs and issues.

## Professional / consultancy services

Our interdisciplinary team delivers pre-design, architectural and engineering design, and comprehensive development planning services.

## Capability building / training

We implement capability-building programs that facilitate technical knowledge transfer to assist communities in informed decision-making. We train people in community-based disaster risk reduction, estate management, solid waste management, and renewable energy systems.

## Research, publications & advocacy

TAO-Pilipinas undertakes research and develops publications to build awareness, guide community action, and share learning on sustainable human settlements development.

## Young professionals (YP) formation

We provide venues for young architects, engineers and planners to engage in social housing and community development work.

## Post-disaster response

TAO-Pilipinas has partnered with humanitarian actors to deliver timely and effective shelter assistance in post-disaster situations. We provide technical support in the conduct of shelter damage assessment and reconstruction efforts.

**TAO-Pilipinas** offers a comprehensive range of technical services to organized poor and vulnerable target communities, non-government organizations, and local government units or national government agencies. We take pride in the application of participatory approaches to planning and design, and give focus to sustainable human settlements development issues in our capability-building activities, research work, and post-disaster response.